

## NEWS OF BENNINGTON TOLD IN BRIEF

Mrs. James Bowen of Dorset visited friends here Saturday.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rickert is dangerously ill.

Mrs. A. E. Hubbard of Rutland is spending New Year's with friends in town.

Mrs. Robert Johnson of Gardner, Mass., is visiting friends in the village.

Mrs. D. A. Rifenburg and son left Monday morning to pass a few weeks with her parents in Middleburg, N. Y.

William H. Nichols has been in Hoosick Falls several days putting in electric wires for lighting a house now in process of erection there.

Miss Irene Graves is spending the holiday season with relatives in Pittsfield, Mass., and Miss Sally Graves is with relatives in Hoosick.

Stephen Gleason of Woodford, well known in this village, is confined to his house as the result of injuries received while falling on the ice a few days ago.

The Fortnightly meeting will occur this week Saturday, January 3, 1903. Subject, "Our Neighbors and Their Ways." Chairman of the afternoon, Miss H. L. Norton.

List of letters remaining uncalled for in the postoffice for the week ending December 30: Wm Burgess, Chas Davis, A. G. Smith, H. W. Thompson, Mrs. J. Francis Alliston, Miss Sadie Devenburgh, Miss Elizabeth Lacasse.

The B. B. B. class 7 of the Baptist Bible school was entertained by their teacher from 7 until 9 Monday evening. This was the ninth annual reception of the class. The class prize, a set of boxing gloves, was awarded to James McLaren.

A number of persons in the village have received from John L. Plagg, now a resident of New York, copies of a book of poems recently issued by him. He was formerly clerk of the United States Senate and a frequent visitor to this village.

Mr. and Mrs. Olin Scott gave a dinner yesterday in honor of Frank House and Mrs. Beebe of Coburg, Ont., who are visiting George B. Lawrence and wife, the latter being a daughter of Mrs. Beebe. The invited guests in addition to those above mentioned were Mr. Lawrence and wife, George Albro and wife and Mrs. Lyman W. Clark.

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Miss Mary Hickey went to her home in Danby to spend Christmas.

Arthur McNaughton is visiting a sister in Mechanicville, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Harry Southall were in Pittsfield Sunday visiting relatives.

Bradford Godfrey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Godfrey, is ill with diphtheria.

Miss Louise T. Purdy of Manchester is spending a week as the guest of Mrs. H. L. Stillson.

Walter Patterson, Fred Rickert and Fred Knapp, all former employees of the Valentine Knitting company, have secured positions in the Brooks Knitting mill at Cohoes.

Daniel B. Keeler, for some time superintendent of the Clover Knitting mill in Waterford, N. Y., has been appointed superintendent of the Bradford Knitting mill of this village.

By the terms of the last will and testament of Mrs. Patrick Toomy, late of Cohoes, the property, valued at about \$3000, is divided between her three children, of whom William Toomy of this village is one. Mrs. John Lyons of Cohoes is executrix.

The house on Church place in North Adams in which Mr. and Mrs. C. Wellington Thomas and Fred D. Burt, who are temporarily in that city, have rooms caught fire about 9 o'clock Sunday evening from a defective chimney but the blaze was soon extinguished by the use of hand chemicals.

The F. M. T. A. B. has elected these officers for the coming term: Rev. A. J. Barron, spiritual director; John Gibney, president; David T. Murray, vice president; Herbert Daley, recording secretary; John Meredith, corresponding secretary; Thomas Loughlin, financial secretary; Thomas Morrissey, treasurer.

Superintendent Hannon of the Soldiers' Home went to Chelsea, Mass., Monday, and took back to the Massachusetts Soldiers' Home, Cyrus Prescott, who deserted from that institution several weeks ago and who, when he turned up here, had both feet frozen and was otherwise frost bitten. He has fully recovered from the effects.

The six-round sparring match between George F. Kincaid of Hoosick Falls and P. F. Roche of Westfield, Mass., at Academy hall last Friday evening was the best ever seen in town. The men are well matched and both are clever boxers. Kincaid, however, had the best staying powers. Blows had no effect upon him and he won out in the fourth round. Edward Higgins was referee. About 200 were present.

Mrs. Frank Peckham received painful injuries Friday evening. She was coming across Main st when a single rig in which were Frank Smith and Oscar Gates came down Main st at a fast gait. The wheels were rubber tired so that she did not hear it in time to get out of the way and the young men apparently had not observed her. She was struck, knocked down and dragged a short distance. She was up around the house Monday.

The next attraction at the Opera House, after the performance tomorrow night by Vogel's minstrels, will be the popular Irish comedian and sweet singer, Andrew Mack, in his latest comedy success, entitled "Tom Moore, which he is playing this week in New York city. This will be Mack's first visit to Bennington since he became a star, and local theatre patrons are anticipating his appearance here with considerable pleasure. Mack's date is January 20.

Miss Mary Scott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scott of North-st., has been seriously ill for the past fortnight with acute inflammation of the stomach, and it is thought she will be compelled to undergo an operation in a hospital before her recovery can be complete. About two weeks ago, in attempting to swallow a peanut, Miss Scott suffered severe pain and the physician who was summoned found that the little particle had lodged in the oesophagus and he had some difficulty in removing it. Her serious illness followed.

The January number of the New England Magazine opens with an article on "Boston's Playground System," by Joseph Lee, whose connections with many of the public philanthropies of Boston is guarantee of its accuracy. The evolution of the playground, from what its name pure and simple implies, to the supervised athletic field, gymnasium, and outdoor kindergarten that shall wield a correct mental and moral influence over the city youth, is a problem as yet only partly solved, but what progress the city of Boston has already made and hopes to gain in the future is interestingly shown by text and illustrations.

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to a sudden change produces cold in the head and catarrh is apt to follow. Provided with Ely's Cream Balm you are armed against Nasal Catarrh. Price 50 cents at drugists, or Ely Brothers, 56 Warren Street, New York, will mail it. The Balm cures without pain, does not irritate or cause sneezing. It spreads itself over an irritated and angry surface, relieving immediately the painful inflammation, eases and cures. Cream Balm quickly cures the cold.

Joseph J. Daey his home from Boston for the holiday season.

Miss Amy Surdam was the guest of friends in the village Christmas.

R. J. Ovijs of Schenectady was here over Sunday visiting his parents.

Miss Sarah Little is passing the holidays with her brother in Troy.

Lester Nichols is home from Brown University spending the holidays.

The graded school re-opens next Monday after the holiday vacation.

Russell C. Graves is in Brattleboro for a few days visiting friends there.

Miss Mary Thompson went to Arlington and spent Christmas with friends.

Dr. George Partridge of Burlington came home and spent Christmas with his mother.

John Parrish of the R. R. Y. M. C. A. at East Deerfield, Mass., was home for Christmas.

Luman Nevils and wife of Springfield, Vt., is visiting the former's mother here.

Hon. A. B. Gardner and Chas. Barber of Pownal were among the visitors to the village Friday.

Edward Wickwire of New York was here Christmas visiting his aunt, Mrs. Kate Green, on Imperial avenue.

A social dance was given at Armory Hall last night. Butts' orchestra of White Creek furnished the music.

Frank McMahon from Troy and Chas. Dwyer from Bellows Falls spent a part of last week at their homes here.

Walter Wells of New York, formerly a well known shoe clerk of this place, is visiting friends in the village.

Chas. Roche, superintendent of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company at St. Albans, was home for Christmas.

Charles G. McNary, wife and children spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Foster of Beech-st.

Miss Mamie Lonergan, who was in a Troy hospital several weeks, returned home last Wednesday afternoon much improved.

Gorman & Ford's dramatic company are booked for a week's engagement at Library Hall beginning next Monday evening, Jan. 5.

Dr. Chas. F. Healey and Thomas J. Healey came home from New York and passed Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Healey.

W. S. Wilkie, wife and baby of Schenectady were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McDonald at Bennington Center most of last week.

Miss Florence Walbridge left last week for Balabridge, O., where she will spend several weeks visiting her sister, Mrs. Harold Harmon.

James and Frank McDermott, Frank Guilkinan, James Ryan, James Nolan, James Murphy all came from Schenectady and spent Christmas at their homes here.

Paul Goldsmith and wife of Troy were in the village last week and remained over Sunday visiting his brother, R. O. Goldsmith, and his mother and sisters.

A special chartered car filled with young people came over from Hoosick Falls last Thursday to attend Prof. Hughes' twilight hop in Foresters' hall and all reported an enjoyable time.

A dinner and entertainment will be given at the Y. M. C. A. rooms this New Year's evening. There will be music, and an address by Dr. L. L. Daggett, president of the Association Training School at Springfield, Mass.

William Cronin, a lumberman, while chopping a tree on the mountain in Glensbury, was struck by the tree in falling in such a way that both arms and one leg were broken. He was under the fallen tree quite a while before he was discovered by his associates.

The Banner and Reformer wishes all its readers a happy New Year. There are more of them than were ever before clients of a Bennington county newspaper and while most of them are unknown to the writer, he hopes to become better acquainted as time goes on.

The fine memorial hall and the Childs tavern at Wilmington were appropriately dedicated Monday evening. The program included five-minute talks from former and present residents, interspersed with music and stereopticon reproductions of old-time faces familiar to childhood. This memorial hall and tavern is the notable gift of Maj. Frederick W. Childs, one of the most prominent citizens of Brattleboro. Various members of the Childs family have been noted for years for their public spirit and generosity. None have been more public spirited than Maj. Childs and his cousin Walter. The most enthusiastic Democrat in southern Vermont is Rollin Childs of Brattleboro, member of the national committee from Vermont.

Mr. Childs is absolutely sure that Judge Parker of New York will be the Democratic candidate for president and will be elected.

**Stop It!**  
A neglected cough or cold may lead to serious bronchial or lung troubles. Don't take chances when Foley's Honey and Tar affords perfect security from serious effects of a cold.

Miss Angelina Holley of Dorset is visiting her sister, Mrs. William B. Sheldon.

Miss Jeannette and Master Arthur Perkins have gone to Rutland to visit relatives.

Mrs. May J. Allen is with her daughter, Mrs. H. G. Tabor in Danby, for the holiday season.

Fred Kennon of Elmira came home last Wednesday and spent Christmas day among friends in the village.

Mr. Anthony Lodge, No. 13, F. and A. M., will work the third degree at their regular communication next Tuesday evening, Jan. 5.

Considerable improvements and additions are to be made to the residence of LeGrand Tibbetts at Hoosick. Contractor J. T. Remington of this place is to superintend the work.

I. E. Gibson fell on the ice Christmas morning and hurt his head considerably by the concussion. Several other parties fell the same day but none of them got anything worse than a shaking up.

Misses Katie Kelly, Mary Magee, Anna and Bertha Green, Lizzie McMahon, Josie Connors, Mamie Barron and Barron Fitzgerald, of Troy, left Saturday afternoon for St. Albans, where they will spend New Year's with Mrs. Charles Grandfield, a sister of Rev. A. J. Barron of this place.

A dispatch from Washington announces that an appropriation of \$5000 has been made for the heirs of Thomas C. Prentiss, who perished in St. Pierre, Martinique, during the Mount Pelee eruption. Mr. Prentiss was a former resident of Vergennes and had friends who reside in this village.

# BARGAIN TIME!

## AT DRYSDALE'S

### THE JANUARY

## RED TAG AND RED LETTER CASH SALE!

**Commences Friday, January 2d, 1903.**

Friday and Saturday will be specially devoted to the selling of Women's Suits, Cloaks, Capes, Storm Coats, Skirts, Waists, Wrappers, Kimonas, Dressing Sacques, Lounging Robes, Furs, Children's Dresses and Coats.

**PRICES ON ALL WINTER GOODS ARE DOWN TO ZERO.**

We're bound to freeze them out. For the past week we have been very busy Red Ticketing all the Blankets and Comfortables, Warm Underwear and Hosiery, Flannels, Flannelettes, Robes and Skirts, Sweaters and Overjackets, Gloves and Mittens, in fact every article of Winter Apparel is now ready for you with a lucky red ticket price.

**MONDAY, THE 5th, WE CLOSE ALL DAY**

for a general overhauling and Red Ticketing of all other stocks, irrespective of seasonableness or saleableness.

This Annual Clearance Sale—the greatest sale of the year—is to be most thorough in the matter of price reduction.

**Every Article** on our three crowded floors, from Carpets to Hair Pins, will be underpriced; seasonable and staple goods alike regardless of desirability or cost.

This is neither an "Hour Sale" or a "Ten Days Sale." Reduced prices will prevail till goods are sold, but as assortments in many instances are necessarily limited, we advise you to **Come Early.**

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Frank Hurley was home from the Albany Medical college for the holidays.

Walter A. Spencer of Watervliet is passing the holidays with his mother in the village.

Miss Amy Cutler, who is now teaching school in New York state, spent Christmas at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Winterstein, who are now located at Howarth, N. J., were the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Brant, over Christmas.

All of the Bennington colony in Schenectady, who could manage to secure a vacation last week, came home for Christmas. Among the number were Dr. Frank Greenan, Wm. Slocum, Frank P. Guilkinan, Frank Ryan and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Titus.

In the case of Edwin Randall, a resident of North Bennington, who was killed on the Hoosick Valley and Bennington Railroad, December 20, Corporal Tarbell has decided that the railroad company is in no way responsible for the death of the victim.

In response to several inquiries recently made the Banner and Reformer would say that according to the report from the Adjutant General's office, Merritt Barber was retired from active service at his own request after 30 years service, June 30, 1901, with the rank of colonel in the regular army.

**Heads Should Never Ache.**

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Peter Harrington and wife spent last Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. German Harrington.

Mrs. F. E. Smith and son, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lyons and two children visited their sisters, Mrs. Elmer Wait and Mrs. C. S. Morse, last Friday.

The Monday Evening Euchre Club met this week with Mrs. William Root. Mrs. Harriet Bradford is acting as substitute for Mrs. Henry S. Bingham during the latter's absence from town. The regular convocation of Mt. Anthony chapter, O. E. S., will be held next Wednesday evening, January 7, in Masonic Hall, when the installation of the newly elected officers will take place.

Sixth Corps Post, No. 112, will hold a joint installation of officers with Sixth Corps W. R. C. on Saturday evening, January 3. Supper will be served at 6 o'clock and a camp fire will be served after the installation services.

The local banks begin the new year in good shape. The First National will distribute a five per cent dividend to its stockholders, and make an addition to its surplus. The Bennington County National distributes three per cent and carries \$400 to its surplus account. The Savings bank declares 15 per cent dividend and will add about \$1200 to its surplus funds.

About 100 members and young persons of the Methodist church and congregation at Fair Haven surprised the pastor, Rev. J. A. Atwell and wife at the parsonage Friday evening. A beautiful Christmas gift was presented in the name of the young people by A. L. Minch, consisting of a fine china dinner set of 136 pieces.

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